

Questions and Answers: Guidelines for Students Returning to School during the Hybrid Setting

- **What will the hybrid school setting look like?**
 - Students are able to attend school in person two days a week and remain virtual 3 days. A student will attend either in A cohort (Monday/Tuesday) or B cohort (Thursday/Friday). All students will remain virtual on Wednesday. Students will have the option of remaining virtual the entire week. Students attending school in person will transition to their related arts/specials classes in the normal rotation of the traditional day and in the corresponding classroom. Students will switch classes as determined by their assigned schedule.

- **What will hybrid teaching look like?**
 - Teachers will teach students both in person and synchronously for virtual students on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday. All students will receive virtual synchronous learning on Wednesdays. Virtual students will receive instruction by the teacher while teaching students in the classroom. Students in school will follow their normal schedule. The teacher will communicate with the virtual students when they should join the class through Google Classroom.

- **What will classrooms look like?**
 - Classroom desks will be spaced 6 feet apart to the extent possible. Students will be expected to remain socially distanced and 6 feet apart. Students will use materials, manipulatives, books, and other resources to support and enhance instruction.

- **Will instructional centers be allowed during in person instruction?**
 - Students will be able to participate in centers while remaining socially distanced. Centers will be limited in the number of students allowed at any one time.

- **Will students wear cloth face coverings in school?**
 - Students will be required to wear a cloth face covering while on the bus and in school. The CDC recognizes that wearing masks may not be possible for some people. In unique situations, wearing a mask may exacerbate a physical or mental health condition, lead to a medical emergency, or introduce significant safety concerns. Adaptations and alternatives will be considered whenever possible to increase the feasibility of a student wearing a mask or to reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading, if it is not possible to wear one. If a parent is concerned about their child wearing a mask, they should consult with their healthcare provider.

- **What is the preferred face covering for school?**
 - A face covering fully covers a person's nose and mouth and is secured to the person's head. Cloth face coverings made of two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric are recommended by both CDC and the Maryland Department of Health to prevent the spread of COVID-19. This does not include material with visible holes or gaps in them like lace, knitted material, crochet, and/or mesh. Gaiters and bandanas are not as

effective as a cloth face coverings made of two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric and face coverings with exhalation valves are also not preferred, as they allow unfiltered air to escape to others. It is not recommended for students to use surgical masks or N-95 respirators. These are critical supplies that continue to be needed by healthcare workers and other medical first responders, as recommended by current CDC guidance.

- **Will classrooms be cleaned and disinfected?**
 - Teachers will have access to cleaning materials to support cleaning needs in between class switches and when needed during instructional time. Custodial staff will clean classrooms each evening. More thorough disinfecting will take place on Wednesdays and Friday evenings.

- **What will breakfast and lunch look like?**
 - Students will pick up breakfast on their way to class in the morning and eat in their classrooms. Students will eat lunch either in their classrooms or in the cafeteria to allow for social distancing while they eat. Students will be able to keep their masks off while eating.

- **What will recess look like?**
 - Students will participate in recess at the elementary level. Students will not be allowed to use the recess equipment to maintain the 6-foot distancing guidelines, however balls, jump ropes, etc. will be available for use. Staff will also develop organized games and socially distanced activities during this time. Middle school will continue to allow students to go outside as directed by the building administration.

- **Will volunteers and visitors be allowed in the building?**
 - Volunteers and visitors will not be able to come into the school on a regular basis, unless an appointment is made. This is to limit additional exposures from outside the school. Teachers may use volunteers to complete items at home and drop off at the school.

- **Will students be able to use hand sanitizer?**
 - Hand sanitizer stations are provided throughout the school in classrooms and in the hallways. Students will also be able to bring in their own hand sanitizer but will not be allowed to share with other students. Schools will emphasize routine hand washing for a continued practice of prevention.

- **What will the bus ride look like?**
 - Students will be required to wear cloth face covering on the bus. Students other than siblings, will be socially distanced when riding the bus. Students will sit individually to a seat, except for siblings or students in the same household, for optimal distance between students.

- **Will I be able to bring my computer to school?**
 - Students in middle school and high school will be able to bring their personal or CCPS issued computers to school. This is optional and is not required. It is the choice of the parent/guardian. Elementary students should not bring their computers to school. Teachers are expected to provide paper/pencil assignments for all students in class. Please be sure computers are charged at home, prior to bringing to school.

- **Will students have chorus and instrumental music/band?**
 - Students who participate in chorus will need to wear a cloth face covering at all times and remain socially distanced. Students in band or instrumental music will wear a cloth face mask with a slit to play the instrument. All instruments with a bell will be required to have a bell covering lined with MERV 13 material.

- **What materials will be used in related arts and special areas classes?**
 - Students will be taught the related arts/specials areas curriculum standards. Students will use individualized materials to the extent possible to complete the activity or project. Physical Education classes will be outside when weather permits. Social distancing will be maintained during instruction.

We recognize that this Q &A might not capture all the questions that you or your family currently have. Please contact your child's school should you have additional questions.